



# GCSE Art & Design

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# Welcome notes from the department

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Mrs K Spinola

*Head of Department*

You will be taught by  
specialist teachers  
who are dedicated  
to your development  
as an artist.



Mr S George

You will have access to  
dedicated Art rooms  
where you will explore,  
research and gain an  
understanding in a  
range of media.



Miss C Whitmore

The course offers you  
the opportunity to study  
multiple disciplines,  
such as drawing,  
painting, digital, 3D,  
photography and  
textiles.

# What to

**You will have the opportunity to investigate a range of artists, techniques and media, such as painting, drawing, printing, 3D construction and photography. The department's programme of study is taught by one of our experienced specialist staff who will lead you through the course.**

**You will complete two coursework projects during Year 10 and 11. Natural Forms, Portraits and Animals are some examples of the themes that are studied.**

**In the second term of Year 11, you will complete a third project set by AQA, which is called the Externally Set Task. The coursework portfolio and Externally Set Task are assessed by our Art Department. All of the portfolio work that you produce will contribute towards your final GCSE grade.**

The GCSE Art Course is entirely practical. You will learn a variety of techniques and processes as well as how to develop your own ideas in a creative and meaningful way. Home learning tasks will require you to undertake some independent research and present work smartly in your sketchbooks. The department provides lunchtime and after school clubs for

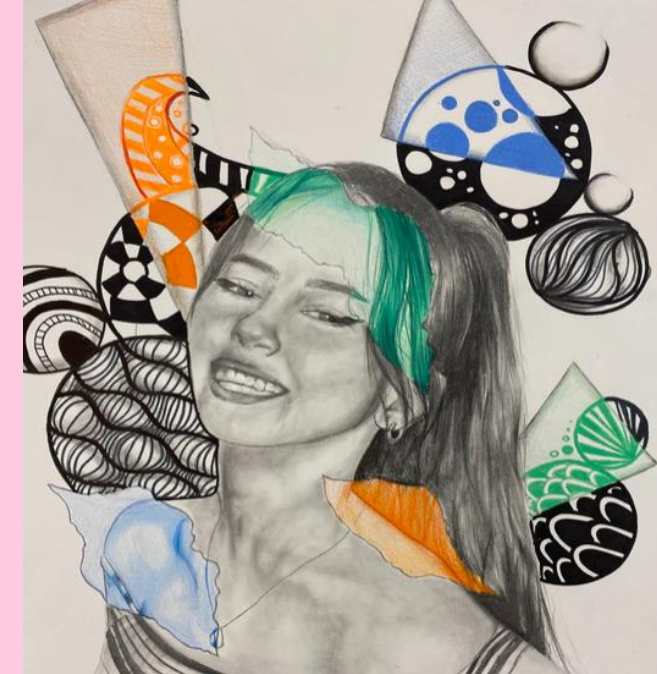


# Why should I study Art?



No written exam!  
You will instead be given  
an externally set  
assignment  
i.e. to produce a  
small body of work  
in January (year 11),  
with the deadline in May

No  
essays  
to do,  
all work at  
GCSE is  
practical

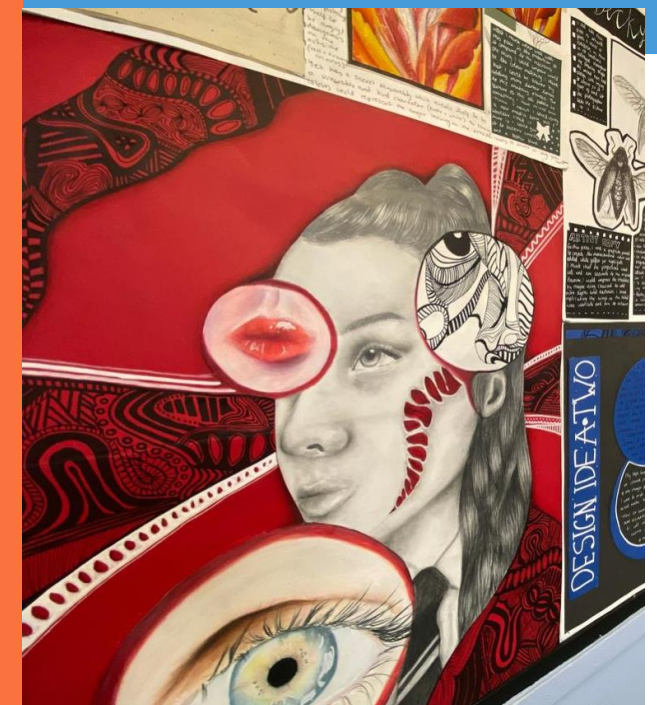


Discover  
techniques you  
are good at that  
you might not  
have tried  
before.

Learn  
exciting  
new  
techniques  
and  
processes



Work  
independently  
on your own  
projects in a  
calm and  
inspiring  
environment





# Our Exam Results 2024

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## GCSE ART & DESIGN

GRADE 8+ 33%

GRADE 7+ 50%

GRADE 4+ 100%

# Assessment

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Examination Board:

AQA

Assessment:

1. Coursework Portfolio:

60% of total mark

2. Externally Set Task:

40% of total mark

Student must complete **both** components.

## Component 1: Portfolio

### What's assessed

A portfolio that in total shows explicit coverage of the four assessment objectives. It must include a sustained project evidencing the journey from initial engagement to the realisation of intentions and a selection of further work undertaken during the student's course of study.

### How it's assessed

- No time limit
- 96 marks
- 60% of GCSE

Non-exam assessment (NEA) set and marked by the school/college and moderated by AQA during a visit. Moderation will normally take place in June.

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## Component 2: Externally set assignment

### What's assessed

Students respond to their chosen starting point from an externally set assignment paper relating to their subject title, evidencing coverage of all four assessment objectives.

### How it's assessed

- Preparatory period followed by 10 hours of supervised time
- 96 marks
- 40% of GCSE

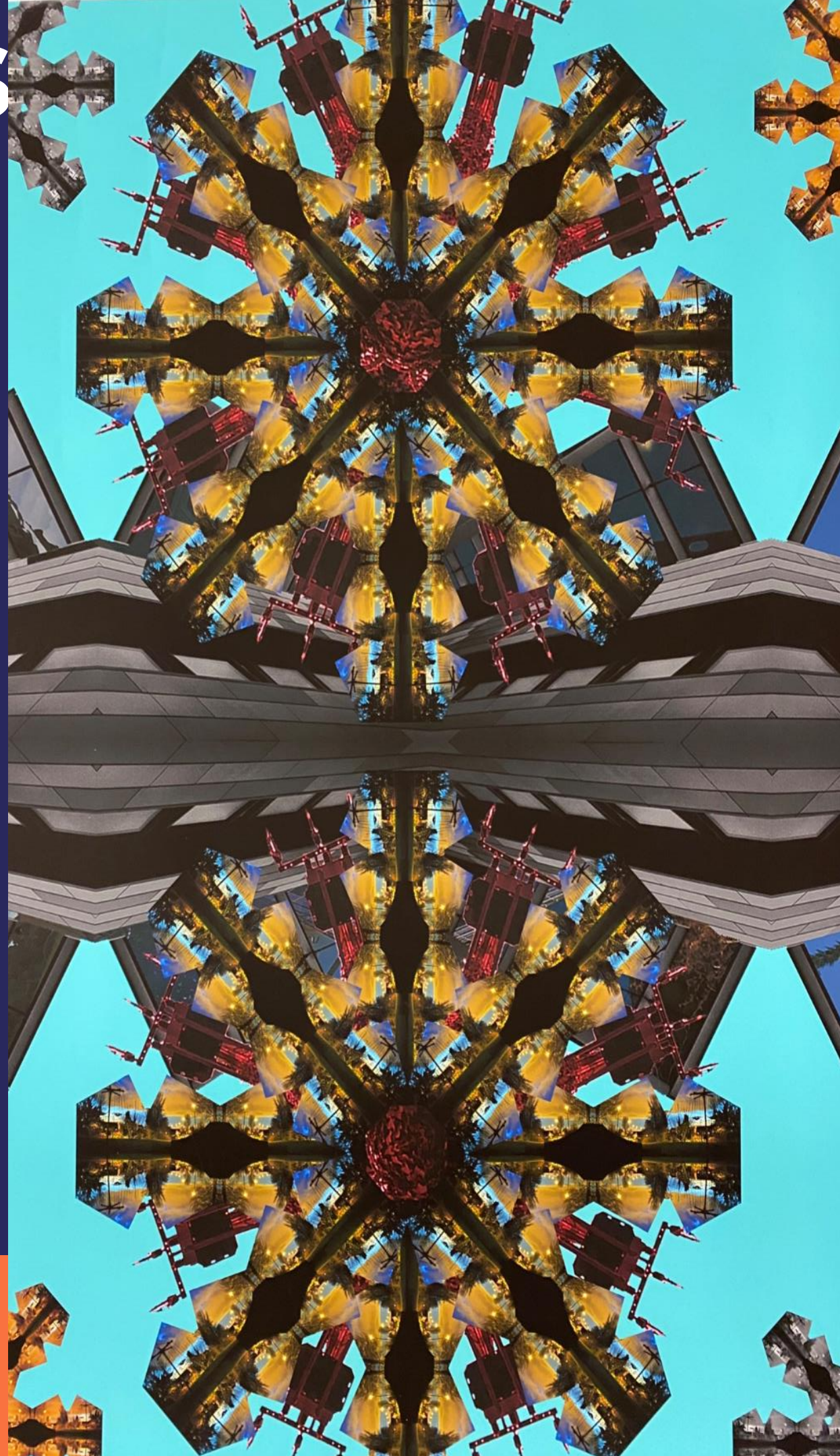
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# Career Paths

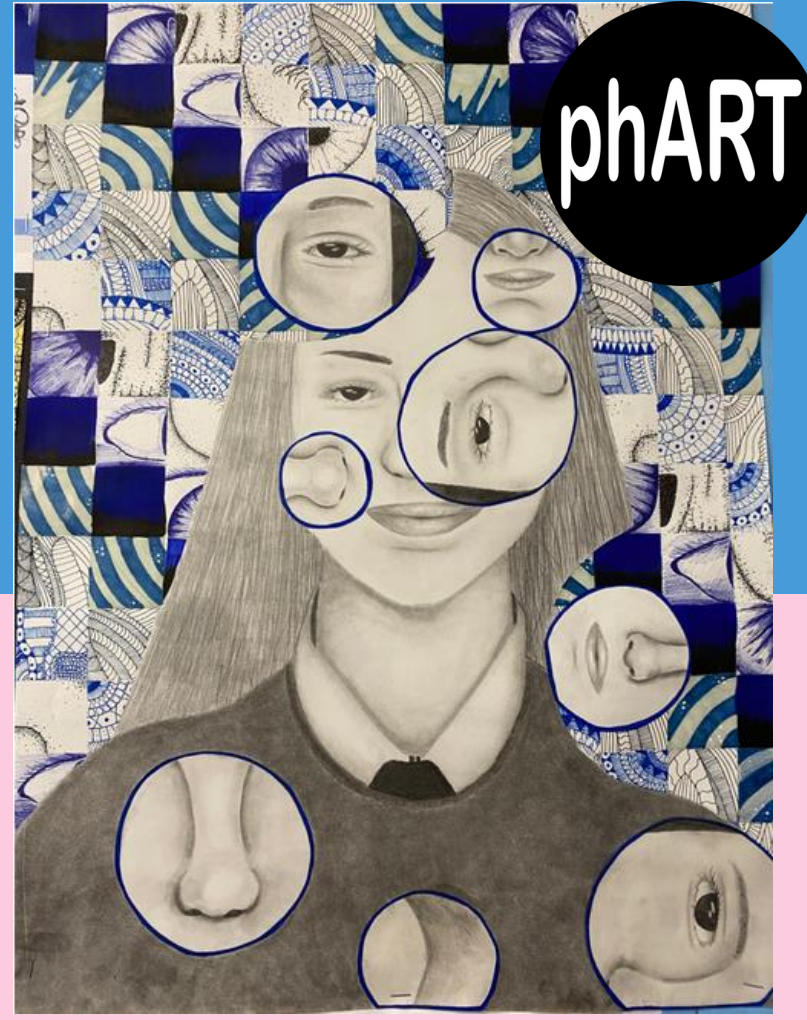
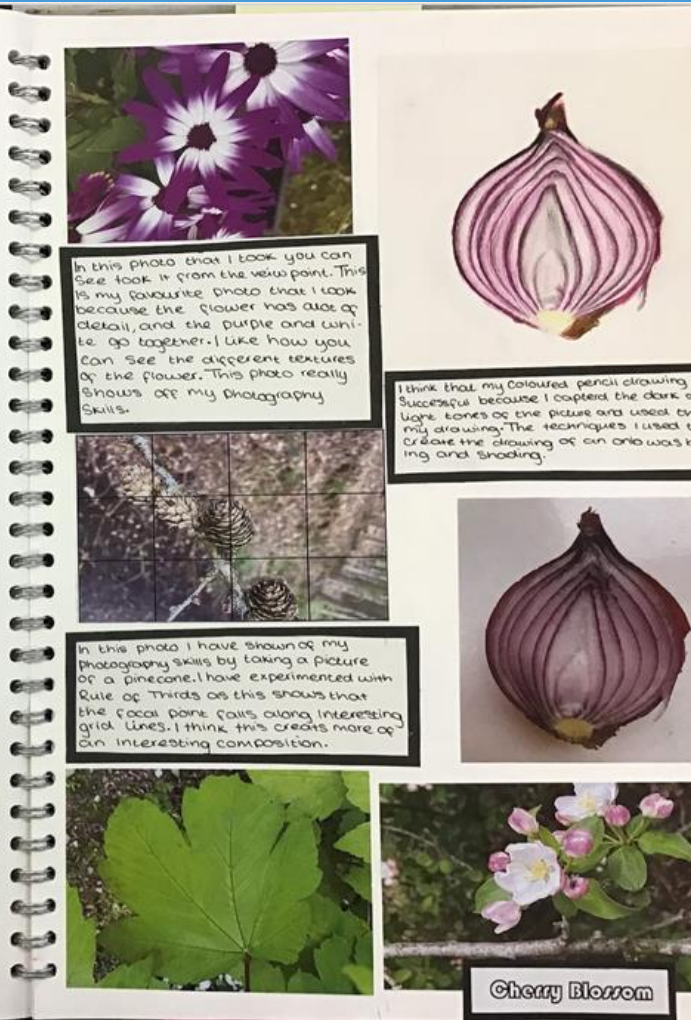
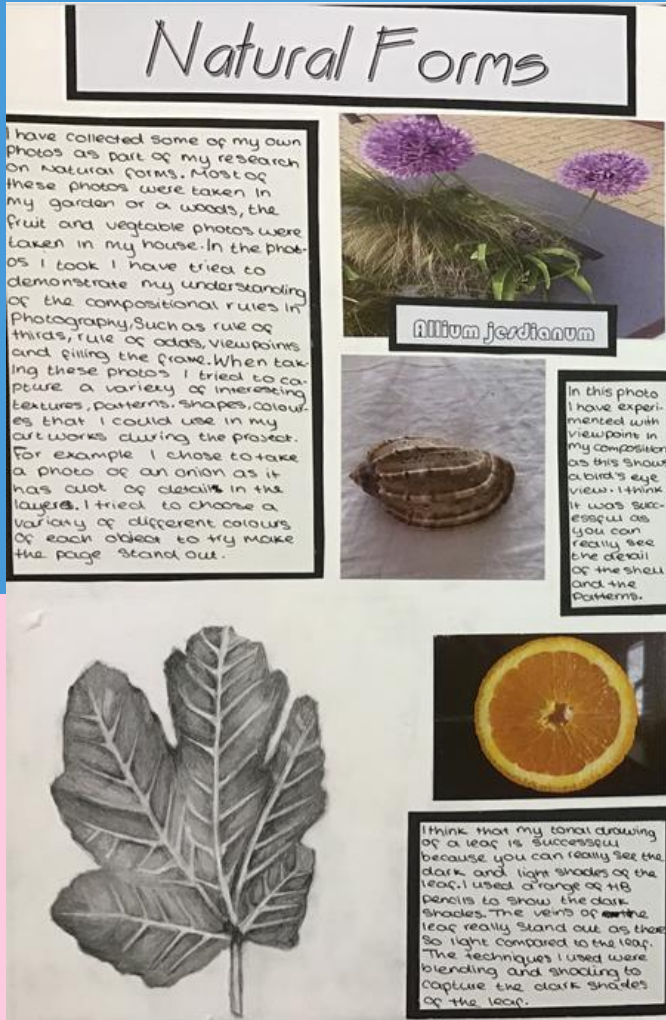
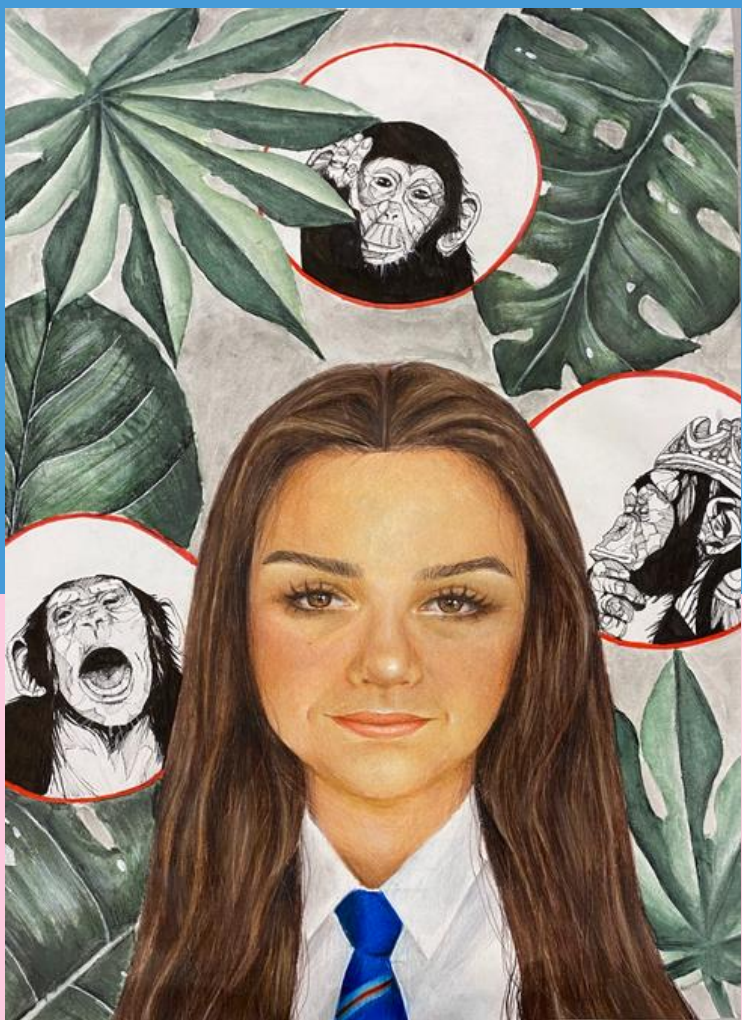
By studying GCSE Art & Design, you will develop your creativity, problem-solving skills, communication and teamwork skills.

It is a great complement to any other GCSE subject. Students become reflective learners and prepare students for future learning in a wide range of subjects. Whether you love photography, graphic design, painting or any other art-related speciality, career options are limited only by your imagination. Art education propels people towards creative and unexpected destinations – many of which have not even been discovered yet!



Architect	Graphic designer
Furniture designer	Medical illustrator
Interior designer	Motion Graphic Designer
landscape architect	Multimedia designer
Product designer	Game level designer
Toy designer	Video game director
Urban designer	Visual effects artist
Art dealer	Web designer
Art historian	Costume designer
Teacher	Playwriter
Museum Curator	Set designer
Journalist	Theatre director
Ceramic Artist	Dressmaker
Floral designer	Fashion Consultant
Muralist	Fashion designer
Portrait Artist	Jewellery designer
Painter	Makeup artist
Sculptor	Cinematographer
Cake decorator	Film editor
Food stylist	Video editor
3 D Animator	Photographer
Book Illustrator	Photojournalist
Cartoon Artist	Advertising photography
Computer Animator	





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